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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 7-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9 September 2009 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. The amendment filed on 14 August 2009 has been entered and considered by the examiner.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoneda* (2001/0026260) in view of *Fujiyoshi* (US 6,211,854).

As to **claim 1**, *Yoneda* (Figs. 2 and 39) discloses a mobile terminal (10) apparatus comprising: a display portion (100 or 11) to be driven by a voltage (V) applied thereto [0103 & 0135]; and a display portion driving control unit (135)

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which changes driving operation of the display portion by selecting either an interlaced scanning drive system (interlace scanning mode) or a sequential scanning drive system (sequential scanning mode) for driving the display portion (Figs. 36-38) [0203, 0207-0213], and

wherein the change of the driving operation is based on an operation condition of the apparatus itself (the selection of driving operation is based on the kind of data to be displayed of the apparatus) (Figs. 26-27) [0113] wherein when the display portion driving control unit changes the driving operation [0203], the display portion driving control means changes display contents (Fig. 48 changes the contents) of the display portion before or after the change of the driving operation (The switching of driving operation is based on the kind of data to be displayed [0199]. Fig. 48 shows the image changes from interlace to sequential back to interlace scanning [0233] and furthermore, interlace scanning starts only starts after the finish of previous frame or image Fig. 13 [0213]).

wherein the display portion driving control unit (driving circuit [0111]) changes the drive system so as to drive the display portion by sequential scanning or interlace scanning during motion picture or still picture (a driving method optimal to the data is automatically selected from sequential or interlaced [0023, 0113, 0199]; Figs. 12-14).

*Yoneda* does not expressly disclose the driving method of sequential scanning when movie display is performed and interlaced scanning when another display is performed.

*Fujiyoshi* (US 6,211,854) discloses the driving method of sequential scanning when movie display is performed and interlaced scanning when another display is performed (moving-image/still-image determination circuit 11 checks the incoming image signal to determine if it's still or moving data and if the data is a moving image, sequential scanning is performed and if the data is a still image, interlaced scanning is performed [col. 6, lines 34-49]).

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to have driven a movie display and still image differently as taught by *Fujiyoshi* in the display driving of *Yoneda*. The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide the greatest possible power saving effects by drive-method switching [col. 2, lines 11-12].

As to **claim 5**, *Yoneda* (Figs. 2, & 39) discloses wherein when the display portion driving control unit (135) changes the driving operation [0203], the display portion driving control unit carries out the driving operation change in a period (switching period) after scanning one screen (48a or 48b) in the display portion is completed and before scanning a next screen (48b or 48c) is started (The switching of driving operation is based on the kind of data to be displayed [0199]. Fig. 48 shows the image changes from *interlace*/sequential after the image 48a or 48b being completed to *sequential*/interlace scanning, and use *sequential*/interlace scanning to conjure up the image 48b or 48c [0233] and furthermore, interlace scanning only starts after the finish of previous frame or image Fig. 13 [0213]).

As to **claim 7**, *Fujiyoshi* discloses wherein the display portion driving control unit (driving circuit [0111]) changes the driving operation and the driving voltage of the display portion (moving-image/still-image determination circuit 11 checks the incoming image signal to determine if it's still or moving data and alters both the gate driving voltage signal and the source driving voltage signal such that if the data is a moving image, sequential scanning is performed and if the data is a still image, interlaced scanning is performed [col. 2, lines 13-51; col. 6, lines 34-49]) in accordance with the operation of the apparatus itself (the driving method is determined based on the operation of displaying a desired moving image or a desired still image [col. 2, lines 13-51; col. 6, lines 34-49]).

As to **claim 9**, *Yoneda* (Figs. 28) discloses wherein the interlaced scanning drive system is a three-line interlace drive (Fig. 28 shows the interlace scanning performs interlace operation every three lines).

5. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoneda* (2001/0026260) in view of *Fujiyoshi* (US 6,211,854) and *Nishimura* (2003/0013484).

*Yoneda* (Figs. 12-14) discloses wherein the display portion driving control unit changes the drive system so as to drive the display portion by sequential scanning or interlace scanning during motion picture or still picture (a driving method optimal to the data is automatically selected from sequential or interlaced [0023, 0113, 0199]; Figs. 12-14).

*Fujiyoshi* discloses when video data during normal operation is accomplished by sequential scan and screen scrolling, total screen refreshing operation is accomplished by interlace scan (Col. 4 lines 23-47)

*Yoneda* in view of *Fujiyoshi* does not explicitly disclose sequential scanning in a camera mode for operating a camera,

However, *Nishimura* (Fig. 1) discloses a moving picture or video data use by the camera (23) on the LCD of the display section, and the operation mode can change when camera mode terminated and shift to other operation modes on the display [0057].

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to have changed driving modes according to camera operation as taught by *Nishimura* in the display of *Yoneda* as modified by *Fujiyoshi*. The suggestion/motivation would have been to decrease power consumption.

6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoneda* (2001/0026260) in view of *Fujiyoshi* (US 6,211,854) and *Zehner* (2003/0137521).

*Yoneda* (Figs. 12-14) discloses wherein the display portion driving control unit changes the drive system so as to drive the display portion by sequential scanning or interlace scanning during motion picture or still picture (a driving method optimal to the data is automatically selected from sequential or interlaced [0023, 0113, 0199]; Figs. 12-14).

*Yoneda* in view of *Fujiyoshi* does not explicitly disclose a frame inversion when the apparatus itself is in a standby state.

*Zehner* discloses using frame inversion techniques during a sleep mode [0136-0139].

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to have used frame inversion during a standby state as taught by *Zehner* in the display of *Yoneda* as modified by *Fujiyoshi*. The suggestion/motivation would have been to conserve power and increase driver lifetime [0139].

7. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoneda* (2001/0026260) in view of *Fujiyoshi* (US 6,211,854) and *Aoki* (6,307,681).

*Yoneda* (Figs. 12-14) discloses wherein the display portion driving control unit changes the drive system so as to drive the display portion by sequential scanning or interlace scanning during motion picture or still picture (a driving method optimal to the data is automatically selected from sequential or interlaced [0023, 0113, 0199]; Figs. 12-14).

*Yoneda* in view of *Fujiyoshi* does not explicitly disclose a sequential scanning drive system is a one- line inversion drive or a frame inversion drive.

*Aoki* (Figs. 4, 6 & 7) discloses a sequential scanning drive system using one line inversion drive (Col. 18 lines 32-37 and Col. 21 lines 1-18).

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art to have provided inversion driving as taught by *Aoki* in the



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display of *Yoneda* as modified by *Fujiyoshi*. The suggestion/motivation would have been to reduce pixel degradation due to constant driving thus increasing the lifespan of the display.

### ***Response to Arguments***

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to newly amended claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert M. Stone whose telephone number is (571)270-5310. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. E.S.T. (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chanh D. Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-7772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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